Dick and Howard,

10/9/70

Dick's 1044 letter to Paul seems very good on a hasty reading tonight after being in DC all day and tired and somewhat unnerved. I'll probably comment more later. I think you were wise to limit as you did. Because I entirely agree with your comment on Alvarez, I strong recommend not now giving Paul any new material, Jim or anyone else's. This is not because of Paul but because of his associates, of whom Alvarez is not the only one not worthy of trust...Realize that I urged Paul to consult with you before he did any writing and that even after this he didn't, on his own or even my urging, send you the crap. Now your restrained yourself as muchas you did...I noted the absence of any description of ammo and the invalidity of the testing of this basis alone-and the utter impossibility of duplicating the 6/5 with a.30-06, so he said he'd not argue out of deference to my ulcer! He didn't respond to <u>anything</u>! My ulcer means much to him! ...Now that you have read this schmatta and formed your own, independent conclusions, I send you my last copy of what I sent Paul six weeks ago. I ask that you return it when you have finished with it. I have in no case let anyone have a copy until he made up his own mind...Government's response to my spectro suit, filed late, very good for us unless Bud fucks it up, which now looks like other than an impossibility. He is ego-tripping and bigshotting all over the place on everything-doing everything but what a lawyer is obligated to. I have only a poor copy. When I can get a good one, I'll send HR who can send you...I learned today that this respiratory thing that has lingered and weakened me is some kind of bronchitis and I am now on antibiotics for it...Nothing else really new. Best,

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